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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Charles I. Boyer

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-25 and 27-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-25 and 27-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/13/04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to applicants' request for continued examination received December 13, 2004. Claims 1, 2, 4-25 and 27-37 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 12-18, 21, 22, 25, 27-31, and 35-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hartenstein, GB 1,442,885.

Hartenstein teaches dishwashing detergent compositions, an example of which comprises 84% sodium carbonate, sodium metasilicate, and sodium tripolyphosphate builders, 2% nonionic surfactant, 2% potassium dichloroisocyanurate, 0.2% aluminum oxide, 0.32% zinc oxide, and 8% water (col. 5, example IV). The examiner notes that automatic dishwashing detergents have an alkaline pH and therefore inherently have a pH of at least about 8. As this reference meets all material limitations of the claims at hand, the reference is anticipatory.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 2, 5-12, 14-25, and 28-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Karlheinz, GB 2,372,500.

Karlheinz teaches a water soluble glass for the inhibition of corrosion of glassware during automatic dishwashing (see abstract). An example of such a composition is a glass block comprising 19% zinc oxide and 1% aluminum oxide wherein the block is used with a commercially available automatic dishwashing detergent, Calgonit powerball Tab (page 6, experiment 3). As of this writing, the specific composition of Calgonit Powerball Tab is not known, so specific amounts of cleaning agents and alkaline sources are not taught by the reference, however, as surfactants and sources of alkalinity are present in nearly every automatic dishwashing detergent known, selection of effective amounts of these components is an obvious design choice to one of ordinary skill in the art.

5. Claims 1, 2, 4-25, and 27-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hartenstein, GB 1,442,885.

Hartenstein is relied upon as set forth above. With respect to well-known automatic dishwashing additives such as anti-redeposition agents and defoamers, the


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inclusion of such well-known additives in the automatic dishwashing detergents of the present claims does not represent an unobvious modification over the teachings of Hartenstein.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles I. Boyer whose telephone number is 571 272 1311. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yogendra Gupta can be reached on 571 272 1316. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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